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Side-Lights On Maryland History

THE FIRST PRISON IN MARYLAND—THE WARING FAMILY.

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More than once since the "Side-Lights" have sought to banish some of the shadows cast upon the character of the early settlers of Maryland have we found pleasant surprises in unfamiliar byways.

In looking for the much-talked-of "convicts" we have found the gallant cavalier and the jaty of high degree, and while we have reflected within our souls to be able to approve what we had expected to deplore, there is yet another evidence of the superior character of the Maryland settlers before us, namely, the fact that the Province of Maryland existed 28 years without a prison or jail within its jurisdiction.

Farewell forever, ye haunting shades of "convicts," so nimbly conveyed by wind in the base of time by our imaginative neighbors!

Not until the year 1662 did the Assembly find it necessary to build its first prison at the City of St. Mary's.

George Alsop, that talented young Londoner who came to Maryland in the year 1620 at the age of 20, served a four years' term of indenture to Mr. Thomas Clagett and wrote "A Character of Maryland," printed in London in 1666, tells us that here "a man may walk in the open woods as secure from being externally disturbed as in his own house. So fearful is a Robber that if but once knaghi'd to be so he's kept at a distance and shunned.

"Here," he continues, "the Constable hath no need of a train of Halberdiers that carry more armour about them than heart to guard him.

"Heres no Newgates for pilfering Felons, nor Ludgates for Debtors, nor Bridewells to lash the soul into Repentance. For as there is none of these Prisons in Maryland so the merits of the country deserve none.

"Common ale houses, * * * those schools which train up youth as well as Age to ruine, *in this Province there are none!*"

Surely, our earliest settlers must have been a remarkably superior class of people. Their laws are equitable and give evidence of broad-minded legislation. Their suits in court are civil, and the criminal class seems conspicuously absent in this province which bore the peaceful and suggestive name of "The Sanctuary."

As there were no prisons to the early days, if a convict was to be found in Maryland it must have been incognito. A province that could thrive for a term of 28 years without a jail or prison house is unique in the history of colonization. Neither of witchcraft, robbery nor murder standing out in bold relief, we can assure ourselves in isolated and rare cases.

But as the years passed and a greater influx of immigration came to our shores the "world, the flesh and the devil" became more in evidence, and in the year 1662 we find passed the following:

"A Council held at the Resurrection, 27th June, 1662. Present, Charles Calvert, Esq., Lieutenant-General of this Province; Philip Calvert, Esq., Chancellor of said Province; Henry Sewall, Esq., Secretary; Jenkin Price, Esq., and Mr. Edward Lloyd, Councillors. Ordered, that there be a Prison built, for the speedy effecting of which carpenters and other workmen to attend them be pressed, the charge to be defrayed according to the law of England."

A little later an act of Assembly provided for a gallows, ducking stool, whipping post and branding irons for each county.

Eleven years after this a prison was ordered to be built in every county in connection with local courthouses.

We must judge from this that we grow in wickedness as we waxed in strength, which, while nothing to our credit, is that of the lawbreakers of olden times, it is distinctly a gratification to know that the fastenners were true blue and set their followers a high standard of living.

If there is any dark spot of Maryland history which should be illumined with the searchlight of truth it is the stigma of her convict settlement, and never will it be dropped by loyal Marylanders whose lineages reach back into those first days until all who run may read that Maryland's provincial records prove her to have been the lightest-toned colony in the known world. And that in this free and gracious place of refuge he who sought a "convict" found a other—not a felon, but a patriot, or, perchance, a Christian martyr.

The Waringe Family.

Arms—Quarterly, 1st and 4th gules, on a fess ragguled or, between three berks' heads erbossed argent, as many bugle-horns (unstringed) sables, Waringe; 2d, argent two palets sable, on each three cross-crosslets, fitche or, Bretton; 3d, or, a lion passant gules, Guine or Gulee.

Crest—A rabit arm erect vested gules, cuffed argent, the hand proper holding a hawk's lure vert, garnished or and gules.

One of the most ancient and honorable families of the County of Shropshire, England, is that of Waringe.

The first of the name there was Simon Waringe of Onselow, who married Agnes the daughter of James Brooke. Their second son, Thomas, married twice, first Agnes Parke, of Shropshire, and second Joanna, daughter of David Gaine. This Thomas is given in the English records as having a son Nicholet. He quartered his arms with tribus of Gaine.

Richard, the first son of Simon Waringe, had a son Nicholas, who married Christiana Lancaster, of Rawton, in Shropshire. The son of this union was Richard Waringe, whose wife was Marie Crofton, of Shrewsbury. Their son Adam married Eleanor Wellington, daughter of Nicholas Waring, of London, and his wife, Joanna Pitche, the daughter of Jacob Pitche, and his wife, Elizabeth Whitfield, the daughter of Richard Whitfield and his wife, Margaret Beangeah.

One of the second generation from Richard was Nicholas Waringe, who married Christabel, daughter of Thomas Ridley, of Shropshire, said to have been a brother of the martyr Ridley.

Basil Waring, of Shrewsbury, married Anna, daughter of John Perche, in the year 1623. Their children were Richard, John, Jeanpose and Daniel.

Sampson Waring, of Shropshire, England, emigrated to Maryland, prior to or about the year 1661. Nothing no doubt besides that by the good report of his native land to England by the gentlemen adventurers who in a few years before had settled in the Ark and the Dove. He at once became prominent in the military affairs of the province as the captain of militia in Lower Maryland, where he received large grants of land, known as "Waring's Plantation," "Waring's Range" and other orders, 1661-62.

That Captain Waring occupied important official stations in the colony is evident from the commission issued to him in the year 1665, when we find:

"It is ordered that Capt. Sampson Waring (who had former orders for the same), Mr. Michael Brooke, Mr. Robert Scott and Mr. Woodman Stockley be added to the number of Provincial Commissioners of Maryland, and are hereby empowered to act as Commissioners of the said Province as fully as is granted by the Commissioners of His Highness the Lord Protector of England, Scotland, Ireland and Dominions thereunto belonging, by their commission upon the records of the Province as at large appeareth thereby."

The names attached to the order were William Peline, Edward Lloyd, Richard Wells, Richard Evans, Thomas Meares and Thomas Marsh.

From the above we learn that Captain Waring was, at this period at least, with the Parliamentarians.

In various legal records he is called attorney at law, and in the year 1650 appears in the brief of a man who has violated the laws relating to the church.

Basil Waring, only son and heir of Capt. Sampson Waring and Sarah, his wife. Like his father, he lived on the Patuxent river, where he managed and presided over the extensive estate which had descended to him.

Basil Waring was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Capt. John Hamon, of Calvert county, who, as a Colonial Justice and military officer, was an important figure in his day. By this marriage there was but one child—a son. Upon the death of his wife, Basil Waring was united in due time Sarah Manahan, daughter of Richard Marsham, of Calvert county, who arrived in Maryland about the year 1658 and took up large tracts of land in Prince George's county known as Mount Pleasant, Marsham's Rest and other tracts that descended through many generations of the family. Like Richard Marsham, father-in-law of Basil Waring, Sarah Manahan was the daughter of Mr. Henry Brent, Deputy Surveyor-General of Maryland and Attorney-General of the Land Office, the nephew of Gov. Giles Brent, Commander of Kent Island. For his second wife Richard Manahan married another Ann Brent, the widow of Mr. Henry Brent and daughter of Mr. Robert Vaulx. By this union Ann who married for her first husband Baker Brooke, Lord of Do La Brooke Manor.

Anyone who desires a more bewildering genealogical puzzle than that left by these three Brent families can procure the same at once and time than the same by research after truth in this strenuous age.

Basil Waring had two sons by his second wife, Sarah Marsham. These were Marsham Waring, born about 1690, and Basil Waring, born 1693. The only son of Basil Waring and his first wife, Miss Hance, was Sampson Waring, named for his grandfather.

Basil Waring, the second, married, January 31, 1709, Martha Greenfield, a daughter of Col. Thomas Greenfield, and his wife, Martha Truman, a niece of Major Thomas Truman. A family tradition claims that Martha Waring went South with her maternal grandfather, but stronger evidence asserts that she moved no farther away than the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Capt. Basil Waring the second was known as "Protestant Basil" to distinguish him from his nephew—"Roman Basil." He was commissioned captain of dragoons on July 14, 1715, by Gov. John Hart, Esq., in which document he was designated as "Basil Waring, Sd., of St. George's County, Gentleman." The children of Capt. Basil Waring, Sd., and Sarah Marsham were Thomas Waring, who married first Jane Oxford and second Ann Brooke; James Haddock Waring, who married Elizabeth Orchard; Francis Waring, who married Mary Hollyday; Basil Waring, Jr., who married Elizabeth Hall, a sister of Col. Joseph Belt; Elisabeth Waring, who married Richard Burgess and had one daughter, Ursula, who married William Bowie, Sd.; Sarah Haddock Waring, who married John Duckett; Samuel Waring, who died unmarried in 1744 and left his estate to his brother, Basil Waring, Jr.

Basil Waring, Jr., married Elisabeth Belt, of Prince George's county, in the year 1745. He died May 26, 1776. In his will he appointed his nephew, Basil Waring, Sd., and his cousin, Basil Waring, Sr., his executors. His children were a son, Thomas, who did not marry and was lost at sea; Elisabeth, who married Joshua Beall; Eleanor, who married a Magruder; Esther, who married a Prather; Martha; James, who married, January 4, 1787, Elisabeth Hilliary, a daughter of John Magruder and his wife, Susan Smith, a daughter of Nicholas Smith, of Calvert county, James Waring served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by his cousin, Capt. Basil Waring, Sd.

The children of James Waring and Elisabeth Hilliary, his wife, were numerous, and most of them lived to marry with other representatives of the Maryland families. Among the descendants of Capt. Sampson Waring, of Shropshire and of Provincial Maryland, are Mr. John W. Waring, president of the Central Savings Bank of Baltimore; Miss Amanda R. Waring, of Baltimore; Miss Bertie Waring and Mrs. Hayden, of St. Mary's county; Mr. Richard Mercer Duvall, of Baltimore; Mr. Everett Duvall, Master Norvel Duvall, Miss Mary K. Duvall, Mr. Richard Earle Duvall, Miss Julia Whitfield Duvall and Miss Eva Kimbrough Duvall, of Virginia; Mr. W. Worthington Boone, of Washington; Mrs. W. S. Willis, of Baltimore; Mrs. Mary Waring Boone, daughter of Anne Arundel county; Mr. Frank Waring Jones, Mrs. John Stockett, Mrs. Eva E. Hastings, Mrs. Nellie Hastings, Mr. Arthur Stockett, Mr. R. Lee Jones, Mr. Waring Jones and the Misses Stockett, of Baltimore.

Readers' Letter-Box.

Messrs. Editors: I wish to express my appreciation of Mrs. Richardson's delightful article in THE SUN. Her article on the Sewall family, in THE SUN of December 27, recalls a question I would like to ask in reference to the naming of our town of St. Michaels, Md. It has been claimed that the river and the town took their names from the first church, which is supposed to have been built about 1672; at least Rev. James Clayland was performing the duties of a minister of the Reformed Church in this vicinity at that time, and by deposition taken in 1726, when the second church was erected, it was shown that the land had been given partly by John Hatton as early at least as 1672.

Now, on the Chesapeak river, a branch of which runs up into this town, there is a creek which, on old maps, is called Secretary Sewall's creek. The church at the head of the Sewall family, in England, was named St. Michael's. Secretary Sewall's uncle, Henry Sewall, emigrated to New England, and the old church at Marblehead, Mass., built in 1714, and in which Judge Sewall had several pews, is named St. Michael's Church.

Can anyone tell us whether Secretary Sewall or his descendants had anything to do with the naming of the church or the town or the river St. Michaels, Md.?

Our family has been living near here for about 200 years, but almost all our records were destroyed by fire.

The father of the first Henry Sewall you mention as born in 1544 was named William. He married, I believe, Matilda, daughter of Reginald Horne, of Pikesley. His children were Henry, whom you mention, and William, Mayor of Coventry in 1617. William's will, proved June 20, 1624, directs that he be buried in St. Michaels Coventry. His wife Ann is also buried there.

It certainly seems peculiar that the same names, Henry and William, should appear in and should worship at churches all named St. Michael's. THOMAS HENRY SEWELL.

Messrs. Editors: Does W. R. C. Worthington, of Virginia, belong to the Worthington family of Maryland?

I agree with H. Worthington that THE SUN is the squarest paper published.

A great many persons are interested in the Somerville family; also in the death of Lord W. R. N. Somerville, who is also the Marquis d'Auterville, of France, his mother's mother having been the daughter of the fifteenth Marquis d'Auterville. She married the Hon. and Rev. Peter Deane, and their daughter married Aubrey John Somerville XIX., lord and father of Lord Somerville XX. The Illustrated London News for October 29 had the following article about the death of Lord Somerville:

"The Rt. Hon. William Robert Nevill Somerville, twentieth Lord Somerville in the peerage of Scotland and Marquis d'Auterville in the peerage of France, died in Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., October 21. His Lordship was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 15, 1865, and was the son of the late Aubrey John Somerville, nineteenth lord, who died August 28, 1870.

"His Lordship was the author of many books. Among the best known are 'The Great Rockefeller Diamond,' 'The Curse of My Family,' 'Three Months in a Jungle,' 'Big Game of the Western Himalayas' and 'The Braden Police.'

"He was known in the United States as Col. W. A. D'Arcy. An American coroner proceeds to the family honors."

I have enjoyed very much reading "Side-Lights on Maryland History."

S. WILLIAM THOMPSON.

Messrs. Editors: I was very much interested in Mrs. Richardson's accurate record of the Waring family, which recently appeared in THE SUN.

Being a connection and possessing quite an extensive record from the Brooke Family Bible and other sources, I would be glad to add a few more names of some of the prominent descendants of this family. Immediately following Roger Brooke, son of Robert Brooke, the last-mentioned died unmarried in 1696. Richardson's account, which tells us, Roger Brooke had by one wife Elizabeth Blomfield and had a son, Roger Brooke the third, who married Mary Neal.

Monica Brooke, who was a daughter of Roger Brooke and Mary Neal, his wife, married Michael Taney, and their son was Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, who married a Miss Key.

Col. Thomas Brooke, son of Major Thos. Brooke, married, first, Annie Baker, and after her death Barbara Dent. He held many high positions in his county and was always called Hon. Col. Thomas Brooke, gentleman. A daughter, Sarah Brooke, married Philip Lee, of Virginia, ancestor of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Clement Brooke, Sr., son of Major Thomas Brooke, married Jane Sewall, daughter of Major Nicholas Sewall. Their daughter, Elisabeth Brooke, married her cousin, Charles Carroll, Jr. She was the mother of Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

Major Thomas Brooke, son of Col. Thos. Brooke, of Brookefield, married in 1706 Lucy, daughter of Walter Smith, of Calvert county, and had a large family. One son, Thomas Brooke, married Sarah Mason, of Virginia.

Another son, Dr. Richard Brooke, married Rachel Gantt, daughter of Dr. Thomas Gantt, of Calvert county, and had five children—Thomas Frederick and Sarah. His Family Bible contains the names of their sponsors. For his son, the Rev. Edward Gantt officiating, they were Col. John Thomas, of the Guards, and his wife, Lady Sophia, sister of the Earl of Abbemarle; Basil Waring and Lady George William Fairfax. For his daughter, the Rev. Clement Brooke officiating, they were Mrs. Sarah Waring and Mrs. Ann Brent.

Thomas Frederick married Priscilla Dorsett, a daughter of Thomas Dorsett and his wife, Priscilla Rowle. They had a large family and moved to West Virginia. Two sons settled in Pennsylvania.

Sarah Brooke married Capt. Samuel Harper, of Virginia, a descendant of John Harper, gentleman, who emigrated to Jamestown, Va., in 1615. She was the grandmother of the late Judge Samuel H. Berry, of Upper Marlboro, Md.

Rev. Clement Brooke, another son of Major Thomas Brooke and Lucy his wife, married Eleanor Murdoch. From whom they descended the families of Samuel Leak Brooke and Robert C. Brooke, of Prince George's county, Maryland.

Quite an additional number of names might be added, all connections of this prominent family, if more space were available in your valuable paper, for which I have been a reader for many A. L. B.

Formerly of Prince George's county, Maryland.

Messrs. Editors: The Sewall sketch does not appear to connect the New England Sewalls with the Maryland Sewalls. Was The John referred to as of 1381 was Benjamin, not Sewall—a wide space between the earliest known records of William and Henry Sewall, 1544. Sir Bernard Burke does not mention Sewall.

Judge Sewall made no reference to a coat of arms and there is nothing but the unauthenticated one of 1748 of Rev. Joseph Sewall to show for it.

Henry, son of Richard, "apprentice" in 1642, and the boys were put out young in Puritan days, was a long period. Henry of Patuxent died in 1692 and evidently left no one of the name of 1661.

Furthermore, the Coventry Sewalls were Puritans of the strictest set, while Henry of Mattapony was a Royalist, and the latter was license between the Royal bonds and Cavaliers at that time. One would have supposed that Henry Sewall, secretary of Lord Baltimore, would have had a coat of arms, and an escutcheon one, but it seems by the sketch that this branch had neither. PATUXENT.

[In the sketch on the Sewall of Mattapony it was distinctly stated that Hon. Henry Sewall was of Coventry, England, and the coat of arms accredited to these given.—H. D. R.]

Messrs. Editors: Will those who are inclined kindly give me the lineage of J. Llewellyn King, the claimant for the Somerville title and estates? It would be a great interest to those descendants who have kept a record of the Lords Somerville.

The late Lord William Robert Nevill Somerville XX. was the son of Aubrey John, nineteenth Lord Somerville, who was born February 1, 1838, and died at his seat, Somerville, Aston, August 28, 1870. He was the son of the Honorable and Reverend William Somerville, of Barford, in Warwickshire and succeeded to the family title and estates on the death of his cousin, Hugh, who was killed while hunting in Leicestershire.

Hugh was the son of Keatin, seventh Lord Somerville.

Keatin entered the royal navy in 1801, commanded the Thames on the coast of America and was officially recommended for his services during the expedition up the Patapsco river. Married 1838, Frances Louisa, only daughter of John Maynard, Esq. He had two sons—Hugh, born 1839; Frederick Noel, born 1840, and five daughters.

His mother, the eldest daughter of Hon. Wriothesley Digby, was from the county of Warwick. He had a brother William, probably the father of Aubrey John Somerville, and two sisters. He succeeded his brother Mark, who died unmarried in 1842.

The Somerville family is one of the most honorable, but we cannot find a claimant of the title young American claimant is decided. INTERESTED.

Messrs. Editors: In your issue of November 29, in notes on the Brooke family, THE SUN says that Thomas Brooke and Ann are given as the grandparents of Robert Brooke, who came to Maryland in 1650. This is a mistake. Robert Brooke's parents were Thomas and Susan Forster Brooke, but his grandparents were Richard and Elisabeth Twyne Brooke.

The brasses of Richard and Elisabeth Twyne Brooke, which are surrounded by Brooke and Twyne arms, are affixed on the wall in one corner of the church at Wyfold church, and under them is a very curious inscription, which proves beyond doubt their identity and that of their six children.

This can also be shown by the will of Richard Brooke, of Whitenurch, Hants, Hampton, gentleman," which is proved in the Surrogate Court of Canterbury and recorded in the Principal Registry of Probate in London. It bears date of January 30, 1588-89, and was confirmed February 16, 1590-91, in the presence of Thomas and Robert Brooke. It was proved May 6, 1594, by "Theodocia Brooke," says that Monica Brooke, the mother of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, was descended from Robert and Anne Calvert Brooke. This is also an error. Monica Brooke was the daughter of Roger Brooke 3d, and his second wife, Elisabeth Thurman, and she married on June 17, 1774, Michael Taney, at Newtown, Md. Rev. James Wilson officiating. Their son, Roger Brooke Taney, was born March 17, 1777, at Calvert, Md. Roger Brooke 3d and Elisabeth Thurman had a son, Robert Brooke, Roger Brooke 2d being the son of Roger Brooke 1st and Dorothy Neale, and the grandson of Robert Brooke and his second wife, Mary Matsworing Brooke.

I am directly descended from Baker and Anne Calvert Brooke, and would be proud to claim Chief Justice Taney as belonging to our immediate branch of the great Brooke family, if I could consistently do so. But in justice to things we must take from as records and history prove them to be. The Brookes of Montgomery county have not to the same branch as did our illustrious Chief Justice.

Again, my notes on the Sewall family give the arms and crest as follows: Arms—Sable, a chevron between three bees volant, argent. Crest: A dexter arm, embowed in armor, ppr., gauntleted or, holding an acorn, gold. These are the arms engraved by Nathaniel Hurd under the supervision of Mr. Samuel Sewall, of Boston, who was descended from Henry Sewall, once Mayor of Coventry. These are also the same arms as those borne by the Sewalls of Newport, Isle of Wight, England.

MARY K. CARP.

[In regard to the alleged error noted by our correspondent in the first paragraph of her communication as to the grandparents of Robert Brooke, the name Thomas, instead of Richard, was merely a typographical mis-up, as the Whitchurch record is in accordance with the writer of "Side-Lights."—H. D. R.]

Messrs. Editors: An important name in the Worthington family was that of Dr. W. Henry Worthington, who owned and resided at the old family estate of Good Hussie, in Howard county. After the war he came to Baltimore and died here several years ago. Dr. Worthington married twice. His first wife, Miss Mary A. Dorsey, daughter of Ralph and Harriet Dorsey, was the mother of Mrs. William E. Hodges, of Elliott City. His second wife was Miss Eleanor Cook, daughter of Mr. George Cook, of Elkridge, and closely related to many aristocratic old families of Maryland. Other children of Dr. Worthington not before mentioned are Miss Ellen Dorsey Worthington, of this city, and Mr. Henry Worthington, of the Pullman Company.

Messrs. Editors: The very interesting article of the Sewalls of Mattapony was full of valuable data. As the Sewalls were one of the most prominent Catholic families in the province, I think the following may be of interest to many of their descendants of the same faith:

Mother Agnes, the Mother Superior of the Carmelite Convent, now situated at the corner of Biddle and Caroline streets, was a direct descendant of Col. Henry Sewall and his wife Jane Lowe. Mother Agnes was Julia A. Sewall, tax daughter of Col. Clement Sewall, who was on General Washington's staff and enjoyed the distinction of having been held on the knee of the Father of his Country during her childhood visits to Mount Vernon.

Col. Clement Brooke's estate was in Prince George's county, probably at Piscataway Hill. His children and their cousins Eleanore and Rebora Neale attended school at the Woodyard, on the Darnall estate. The Eleanore Neale, by the way, who was living at the time that the British burned Washington, was taken by her kinsman, Col. Clement Sewall, with his family and his servants to Mount Vernon for protection, where they all saw the reflection of the enemy's bombs. The grandson of this Eleanore Neale is Mr. A. Lee Knott, of your city, who should also be included among the Sewall descendants.

Father Charles Neale, who founded the Carmelite Order in Maryland in the year 1790, brought over from the Netherlands four sisters to organize it. Three of these were named Mathews, an aunt and two nieces, and all were natives of Charles county, Maryland, and had joined the Carmelite order originally in France or in the Netherlands.

Sister Bernardine, the Mother Superior of the Carmelite Nunnery in Adelphi, which sent out the little colony of nuns to Charles county, Maryland, was Mary Brent, herself a native of the same county, having joined the order abroad in the year 1765, and was preparing to come with her order, but she died before the expedition started. From the time of its foundation the members of the Carmelite Sisterhood in Charles county were representatives of the oldest Catholic families of Maryland, including the Brents, Neales, Brookes, Digges, Mathews and Llewellyns.

Of Sister Pulchlad, nee Llewellyn, of St. Mary's county, who joined the order of Carmelites two years prior to Sister Teresa, nee Sewall, it is said she was a lady of beauty and brilliant and belle. When she started from St. Mary's to Charles county she was accompanied by quite a cavalcade of friends, at least two of whom had been suitors for her hand. Arrived at the convent, she bade them farewell and, waving her handkerchief as the doors closed upon her, passed out of their sight forever.

In the year 1867 Sister Teresa, who was then Mother Superior of the Carmelite Sisterhood, celebrated her golden anniversary, in company with two of her cousins, who had entered the order about the same time down in Charles county. These were Sister Ambrosia, who was Miss Catherine Jamison, of Frederick county; Sister Agnes, who was Miss Mary Smith. Archbishop Spaulding, a cousin of all of these devout women, officiated at the golden anniversary which was celebrated at Waring, near Biddle and Aisquith streets. Sister Teresa died in the year 1870, at the age of 86 years.

CHARLES COUNTY.

Messrs. Editors: Among the Worthington descendants specially mention should be made of Capt. John Worthington's great-grandaughter, Miss Ann Maria Worthington, who resides in Indiana. Miss Ann is the daughter of Susan Hood Worthington, who married in Frederick, Md., Rev. Nicholas Snethen, founder of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Ardelia Soltes are Annie Snethen, Lucy Worthington, Charles Snethen and one grandson, Samuel B. Archer.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF CAPT. JOHN WORTHINGTON, CALLED "GOVERNOR JOHN."

Messrs. Editors: Among other Sewall descendants not mentioned in the sketch of that family last Sunday should be Mr. A. Lee Knott, Assistant Postmaster-General under President Cleveland; Major Nicholas Hill, Mr. Clement Hill, of Prince George's county; Rev. John Jamison, former president of Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg; Mr. Ignatius Jamison, and Mrs. Jones Jamison, of Frederick; Mr. Brooke Jamison, of Walkersville, Md.

W. W. J.

Messrs. Editors: In addition to the excellent sketch of the Worthingtons, especial mention should be made of a great-granddaughter of Capt. John Worthington, Mrs. Mary Ann Worthington, now a Sister of Charity in Evansville, Ind., daughter of Susan Hood Worthington and Rev. Nicholas Snethen, founder of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Arbor's children are Annie Snethen, Lucy Worthington, Charles Snethen and one grandson, Samuel B. Archer.

MRS. LUCY WORTHINGTON ARCHER HUNTRESS.

NEW YEAR'S BALL

Brilliant Social Gathering In Hagerstown.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Jan. 1.—The annual New Year's ball, given by the Assembly Club of Hagerstown, was held at Hotel Hamilton.

The guests were received by Colonel and Mrs. Buchanan Schley, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lonse, Mrs. H. H. Airey and Mr. Edward W. Mesler. The arrangements were in charge of Messrs. Alexander Armstrong, Clarence Lane, Vernon N. Simmons, Edward McP. Armstrong, Richard Keedy and A. H. Nance.

Those present from a distance were Captain and Mrs. Joseph Wheeler, Martinsburg; Md.; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. C. Wrenshall, Scranton; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Keedy, Rossoles, Va.; Mrs. Georgia Fechtig, Misses Mattie and Katherine Hughes, Mrs. Frank Mann, Miss Mary Ford and Miss Rowland, Baltimore; Miss Florence Wetherill, Philadelphia; Miss Lena Maxfield, Miss Hume, Miss Edith Mandeville, Washington; Miss Laura Gambrill, Miss Mary Shipley, Miss Croft, New York; Miss Fitzsimmons, Miss Robertson, N. Y.; Miss Nevins, Nebraska; James Barry, San Francisco; Charles Hunicheonse, Baltimore; D. Watson Fletcher, Chambersburg; Bristol Lucas, New York; Frank Moorehouse, Baltimore; Alpheus Bell, Pittsburg; Joseph Bitne, Baltimore; Charles Denoning, Philadelphia; Charles Craig, New York; John Cook and Albert Carroll, Baltimore; Henry V. Boyle, Baltimore; Robert W. Heartly, Norfolk; James C. Baxter, Mercersburg; Charles Shipley, Chambersburg; Alexander McGill, Trenton, N. J.; Walter Hollar, Chambersburg; Sidney Manning, Felix Mahoney, of the Washington Star; Harrison, Shepherdstown; Harry Bear, Philadelphia; A. L. Traver Ewell, Baltimore; Thomas William son, Frederick; Ogle Marbury, Laurel, and others.

Those present from Hagerstown were: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McComas, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Gillish, Mrs. C. E. McKee, Mrs. John McCauley, Mrs. General E. P. Alexander, Mrs. Doctor O. H. W. Hazer, Miss Mavis Jamison, Miss Helen Scott, Miss Louise Hunnicheonse, Miss Lulu Perbrig, Miss Edna Lowe, Miss Bessie Bell, Miss Margaret Neill, Misses Hine, Anna Bell, Grace and Margaret Lonse, Miss Jane Mason, Misses Lenore and Ida Hamilton, Miss Jessie Hamilton, Miss Mamie Hurett, Miss Ender, Miss Anna Alter, Miss Elodie Bell, Miss Lillie Bush, Miss Rust, Miss Ruth Cunningham, Mr. Nelson Shoemaker, Mr. Philip Lehr, of Montana, and others.

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Happy who in his verse can gain
From grave to light, from plain
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Anna Letitia Barbauld, an English poet and essayist, was born in 1743, and, as the daughter
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In the next year she opened a boarding school with h
ten years of teaching she published "Early Lessons f
shortened and condensed into four language
Aikin, "Evenings at Home." She afterward edited s
"Ode to Life" is perhaps her best poem.
Life! I know not what
But know not here
and when, or how, or
I own, to me's a secre
Life! we're been long
Through pleasant and
Tis hard to part when
Perhaps 'twill cost a
Then steal away, give
Choose time own tim
Say not Good-Night,
But not Good-Morning.

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